REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 19-54 were canceled. No claims were added or amended. This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 19-54 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by claims 19-54 is not patentable. Claims 19-54 were canceled in this Amendment solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the remaining claims. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue additional claims, including the subject matter encompassed by claims19-54, as presented prior to this Amendment, in one or more continuing applications.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 26-27, 34, and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, which Applicants regard as the invention.

By the present Amendment, claims 26-27, 34 and 36 have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection with respect to those claims is now moot.

II. Conclusion

Claims 1-18, the only claims remaining in the application are allowed. Accordingly, this application should now be in condition for allowance; and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner so find and issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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